

To Whom it may Concern,

I recently found out that a vote will be held soon on the status of current net neutrality laws. Given that not even congress is likely to listen to their constituents unless they spell out the exact stakes involved, despite that being their precise job, I will do exactly that.

Net Neutrality is a buffer, to keep service-providing companies from interfering with the connection speed and access provided to users to various sites. This includes the sites which belong to potential competitors. As a republican, I would like to ask the republicans who read this to consider, would you allow the Obama administration to regulate your constituents access to your websites? Of course not. That would make absolutely no sense. However, that is precisely what you are asking several large corporations to do, to allow service providers who they often compete with to control access to their services. Any service provider could easily take this opportunity to eliminate a good portion of google's users, simply by slowing connection to google's servers to zero. They could then produce a practically useless alternative search engine, which users of their services would be forced to use instead because it happens to work "faster" than google, by the service provider's own hand.

Worse, they service provider is effectively legally bound to do this exact sort of thing in the absence of regulation. They have a duty to their shareholders to make decisions which make them more money, and can be sued for not doing so, even if it's the "right thing to do". Making choices that benefit the people is NOT, and NEVER IS the job of the corporation, it's the job of the GOVERNMENT, because the government is supposed to represent the will of the people.

Further, keep in mind that any way you think of to take advantage of this situation for the good of the party is doomed to reverse itself eventually. One way or another, the presidency will switch parties, probably by election. Any loophole you construct in the system now can be exploited at a later date by your enemies which much greater expediency.

Sincerely,
Peter